



Harrington Park Board of Health

Minutes of Meeting

January 11, 2021

Meeting Called to Order at 7:35 pm

Announcement:

In compliance with Chapter 231, the Public Contract Law of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made. It is being conducted under the provisions of the Sunshine Act and has been properly noticed.

Swear In Oath of Office: To be read aloud by Secretary with members "Aye":

Dr. Howard Lipton, Dr. Chester Lee, Mr. Bruce Marshall, and Ms. Michelle Migliaccio.

Vote and Appointment of Board President and Vice President:

Motion to appoint Dr. Howard Lipton as President, made by Mrs. Mary Oh Goldstein, and seconded by Mr. Reynaldo Pella, with all members present in favor.

Motion to appoint Mr. Reynaldo Pella as Vice President, made by Dr. Howard Lipton, and seconded by Dr. Chester Lee, with all members present in favor.

Meeting Turned Over to Board President Elect

Re-appointments and Announcements:

Re-appointed:

Dr. Howard Lipton ~ Board Member
Dr. Chester Lee ~ Board Member
Mr. Louis Apa, REHS ~ Sanitarian
Mrs. Gail Poling, RN ~ Town Nurse
Mrs. Annie Mongelia ~ Secretary
Mrs. Ann Bistriz ~ Registrar
Mr. Jeff Brockman ~ Council Liaison

Appointments:

Mr. Bruce Marshall ~ Board Member
Ms. Michelle Migliaccio ~ Alternate Board Member

Roll Call:

Dr. Howard Lipton	Mr. John Szveda	Mrs. Mary Oh Goldstein
Mr. Reynaldo Pella	Dr. Chester Lee	Mr. Robert Carbognin ~ excused
Mr. Bruce Marshall	Ms. Michelle Migliaccio	

Also present:

Louis Apa, Sanitarian, Annie Mongelia, Secretary.

Gail Poling, Town Nurse is excused; report sent to, and read by Secretary.

Jeff Brockman, Councilman ~ excused.

Welcome to Newly Appointed Members: Thank You!**Motion to Adopt Minutes from November 2, 2020 Board of Health Meeting:**

Motion to adopt the Minutes for November 2, 2020 made by Reynaldo Pella, seconded by John Szweda, with five members in favor to adopt. Mr. Marshall and Ms. Migliaccio abstained, they were not members of the Board in 2020.

Vouchers:

- Secretary's voucher, Town Nurses voucher emailed to Louis Apa for approval to process by the Payroll department.

Correspondence:

On Jan.5th, Councilwoman Chung inquired “how can the borough hall employees get on to the waiting list for COVID-19 vaccines for Tier 1B. Are you aware of a list at the County level and of any locations that will be providing the vaccine.” A link to [forms.Office.Com](https://forms.office.com) which is from Bergen New Bridge Medical Center was forwarded to Ms. Chung, along with a note that currently they are supporting Tier 1A, but the Annex Alternate Care Facility (tent) will support vaccinating 1B Essential Workers as soon as directed by the NJDOH, followed by 1C Adults +65 with underlying medical conditions.

Allegro contacted us to find a checklist for health inspections prior to its grand opening.

Frank Riker, Bergen County Animal Control Officer emailed us for return of the unused Rabies Vaccine. These were already returned by Lou Apa on Nov. 17, 2020.

A report was received from BCDOH for the period of December which stated 55 reportable disease COVID-19 investigations.

The NJDOH Vaccine Preventable Disease Program Immunization Audit Report dated November 16, 2020 stated there was a compliance rate of 100% with 5 religious exemptions for the Kindergarten class.

The following was forwarded to HP School and Village Pre-school: Due to COVID-19 priorities the Annual Immunization Status Report will be made available online for schools to input their data. https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/imm_requirements/2020_2021_asr_packet.pdf

Harrington Park Mayor & Council adopted Resolution 2020-137 COVID-19 Response (Plan). The nature of this list is only advisory What to do if you were potentially exposed to someone with confirmed coronavirus disease (COVID-19):

- What is Close Contact?
- What do you do after the exposure?
- What about secondary/indirect contact?
- What about essential critical infrastructure workers like the police and the DPW?
- Each department supervisor, if needed, may develop protocols that would align with the recommendations from the CDC and Bergen County Dept. Of Health Services, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html>

At a Zoom meeting hosted by HPSD and Borough Hall representatives, it was noted that the school will have a supply of Curative SARS-Cov-2 test for its staff and students. The FDA issued a memo on Jan.4 to warn against false negative results by performing the test in accordance with its authorization, with specimen collection directly observed and directed by a trained healthcare worker at the specimen collection site, with appropriate infection control precautions. The article was forwarded to Dr. Fried, HPSD Superintendent.

MEL Safety Institute Bulletin dated December 2020 issued Guidance for Reporting and Recording COVID-related Illnesses. Under OSHA's record-keeping requirements, COVID-19 is a recordable illness, and thus employers are responsible for recording cases if the case is confirmed, is work-related, and involves general recording criteria. This memo was forwarded to Borough Clerk and CFO.

On Dec.1, 2020 the NJDOH issued guidance on outdoor seating after Nov.30, 2020. Retail food establishment operators seeking to use tents to continue offering outdoor dining may be required to obtain a permit from the local code enforcement officials, ie: HP Building Dept.

Reports:

Gail Poling, Town Nurse

Twelve calls were received from borough residents asking about COVID-19 testing sites, vaccination availability, and referrals to resources such as NJDOH.

Louis Apa, Sanitarian

- Thirty-five rabies vaccines were administered during the Nov. 14th HP Rabies Clinic.
- On Nov.27 a dog was attacked by two french-bull-dogs. The police dept. issued summons due to the owner's non-licensure of the french-bull-dogs.
- LuLu Beauty Parlor was inspected and found to be satisfactory.
- A resident on Parkhill Rd. complained about a neighbor's rooster.
- On Dec.10, Allegro requested a checklist for its initial inspection. Items to be inspected include: the kitchen's stoves, exhaust hood, seating capacity, pool, sauna.

Bruce Marshall noted Allegro will contract with an ambulance company for daytime coverage. The HP VAC will provide ambulance service for night-time emergency calls.

Old Business:

Thirty-five rabies vaccines were administered.

New Business:

On January 6, 2021 the official site of the State of New Jersey started registration for the COVID-19 vaccine via its website: COVIDVACCINE.NJ.GOV. The New Jersey Vaccine Scheduling System (NJVSS). Upon entering your: name, address, health insurance carrier information, medical history, and line of work the website stated "COVID-19 vaccinations will be made available in phases to ensure the most at risk are prioritized. (If) You are eligible for a later phase of vaccination distribution we will send you an email when we're ready for you to schedule an appointment.

Applications for the 2021 Food License and Cat License were mailed out in December.

Upon Discussion:

- 1) Upon discussion of the Mayor & Council's Resolution # 2020-137, the Board suggests that the working crew (VAC, FD, DPW) of a positive COVID-19 employee be tested 4 - 7 days after exposure from working together.
- 2) The Board further suggests creating a policy to have employees complete a health-check at home prior to going to work. The health-check would be similar to the one installed by local schools and hospitals using software to collect data and relay messages to an administrator.
- 3) The residents of Brookside Village are requesting vaccination on-site, due to many of its residents not driving. An inquiry will be made at CVS Closter.

Public Session

No public present

Closed Session

Motion to Adjourn made by Dr. Howard Lipton at 8:47 pm, seconded by Mr. John Szweda, with all members present in favor of adjournment.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Health, Borough of Harrington Park, will be on Monday, March 1, 2021, at 7:30pm via Zoom.